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SUBJ: US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR
NOVEMBER 12 MEETING

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1. EMBOFF SAW SRV FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH AT 1730
NOVEMBER 8. DO THANH SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE IN
GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED.

2. RECORDINGS: THEY NOW AGREE THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO
RECORD THE FIRST SESSION ON NOVEMBER 12. IF IN THE
FUTURE THERE IS DISCUSSION OF COMPLICATED OR "THORNY"
QUESTIONS, THE VIETNAMESE MAY AGAIN RAISE THE QUESTION
OF MAKING RECORDINGS TO ASSIST IN REPORTING ACCURATELY
TO HANOI ON THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. PRESS HANDLING: DO THANH AGAIN AGREED WITH OUR
PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THE PRESS BUT
AGAIN HE SAID THAT THE HEADS OF DELEGATION SHOULD
DISCUSS HOW THE MEETING WILL BE CHARACTERIZED AT THE
TIME OF EACH MEETING.

4. THE VIETNAMESE APRENTLY DID NOT FORMALLY INFORM
THE FRENCH THAT THEY WERE HOSTING THE FIRST MEETING
DURING THE VISIT OF NGUYEN CO THACH. DO THANH SAID
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THEY WOULD CALL ON THE FRENCH TOMORROW TO DO SO.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE LAST SMALL DIFFERENCES NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, THE LIAISON OFFICERS MAY MEET ONCE AGAIN BEFORE THE FORMAL MEETING. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE STILL HAVE THREE DAYS DURING WHICH WE CAN CONVEY THEM TO DO THANH.

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